



Timeline of College Preparation Activities

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
1st Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and sign Letter of Understanding which outlines credit and community service requirements Review and update IGP/Educational Plan with parent/counselor input (Plan will include college-prep curriculum and/or AP courses) Take PSAT Plan to complete 9th-grade IGP Guideway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update IGP/Education Plan (IGP) with parent/counselor input (Plan will include college-prep curriculum and/or AP courses) Practice for PSAT/SAT using TestGear online test-prep software in IGP Take PSAT Plan to complete 10th-grade IGP Guideway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update IGP/Education Plan (IGP) with parent/counselor input (Plan will include college-prep curriculum and/or AP courses) Attend NACAC College Fair Attend NSFFNS College Fair Secure fee waivers for ACT/ SAT/ TOEFL/ EPLT Sign up for and take ACT/ SAT (can be taken multiple times) Take PSAT Sign up and Attend “How To Choose a College” Seminar at your school Internationals students should sign up for and take the TOEFL or EPLT test Practice for PSAT/SAT using TestGear online test-prep software in IGP Plan to complete 11th-grade IGP Guideway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and update IGP/Education Plan (IGP) with parent/counselor input (Plan will include college-prep curriculum and/or AP courses) Plan to complete 12th-grade IGP Guideway Review careers in IGP and career Web sites and select top 3 career choices Attend seminar on “How to Choose a College” Attend NACAC College Fair and NSFFNS College Fair Sign up and attend college representatives presentations at your school Schedule individual appointment for financial aid assistance at your school Register and take College Tour visit Practice for SAT using TestGear online test-prep software in IGP Secure fee waivers for ACT/ SAT/ TOEFL/ EPLT Sign up and take ACT/SAT Continue to research and apply for 3 additional scholarship opportunities by utilizing the DCPS Scholarship Booklet and other websites Review College Majors website, www.collegeboard.com, and Petersons Major Handbook and select 3 possible majors Secure a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov in order to apply for federal financial aid Complete and submit 3 college applications with at least one being a “safety” school
2nd Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Get National Clearinghouse requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin internet review of prospective colleges. Make a list of top 5 that interest you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up and attend college representatives presentations at your school Make a list of top 5 that interest you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up and attend college representatives presentations at your school Complete and submit 3 additional college applications with at least one being a “safety” or accessible school

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3 rd Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review career options in IGP Sign up for extracurricular activities Register & participate in "College Week Live" College Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register & participate in "College Week Live" College Fair Visit College Major Site. , www.collegeboard.com and download at least 5 majors of interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review career options in IGP Select/request at least 3 teachers to do recommendations for college Register & participate in "College Week Live" College Fair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up for workshop and complete FAFSA Sign up for workshop and complete D.C. One Application Upon receipt compare financial aid packages and select college/ university of attendance
4 th Quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write College Essay Review and get copies of transcript Write a resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update resume Review and update College Essay Review and get copies of transcripts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sign up and take ACT/ SAT tests Research & apply for 3 scholarships Sign up and attend College representative presentations at your school Ensure your resume is up to date and ready to be submitted with applications Collect teacher recommendations Review and update College Essay Participate in Internship Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send in deposit monies for college/university attending Participate in Pre-College Program

PARENT ACTIVITIES

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in development and sign letter of understanding and student course plan Sign Report Cards each quarter Review and sign Parent College Contract Attend "How To Pay For College" Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and sign student course plan Review Parent College Contract Attend "How To Pay For College" Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and sign letter of understanding and student course plan Review Parent College Contract Get an early FAFSA estimate: use FAFSA4caster: www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov Attend "How To Pay For College" Workshop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and sign letter of understanding and student course plan Review Parent College Contract Attend Financial Aid workshop Assist Student In Completing One Application /FASFA (Provide tax returns and all needed financial information including signatures as needed) Secure a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov in order to assist your child in applying for federal financial aid

INDIVIDUAL GRADUATION PORTFOLIO (IGP) CONTENTS BY GRADE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter of Understanding• Copy of IGP/Educational Plan• Transcripts• Resume• Copies of Report Cards• PSAT Results• Community Service Log• List of interested occupations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Letter of Understanding•Copy of IGP/Educational Plan•Transcripts•Resume•Copies of Report Cards•PSAT Results•Community Service Log•List of interested majors•List of interested occupations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter of Understanding• Copy of IGP/Educational Plan• Transcripts• Resume• Copies of Report Cards• PSAT/SAT/ACT Results• Community Service Log	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOEFL and/ or EPLT• College Essays• College Recommendation Letters• List of interested majors• List of interested occupations• Scholarship applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter of Understanding• Copy of IGP/Educational Plan• Transcripts• Resume• Copies of Report Cards• PSAT/SAT/ACT Results• Community Service Log• TOEFL and or EPLT• Copies of College Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Essays• College Recommendation Letters• College Award Letters• Scholarship Applications• Scholarship Award Letters• List of interested majors• List of interested occupations• College Acceptance Letters